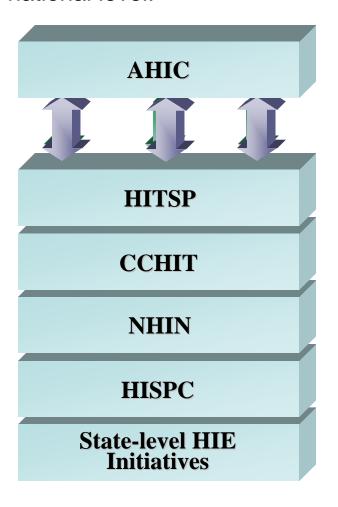


# Overview of the National HIT Agenda and State-level Initiatives November 17, 2006

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### AHIC – a Public and Private Sector Collaborative

AHIC is the public-private collaborative that sets priorities and oversees and/or endorses HIT standards, certification, the NHIN, and policies on a national level.



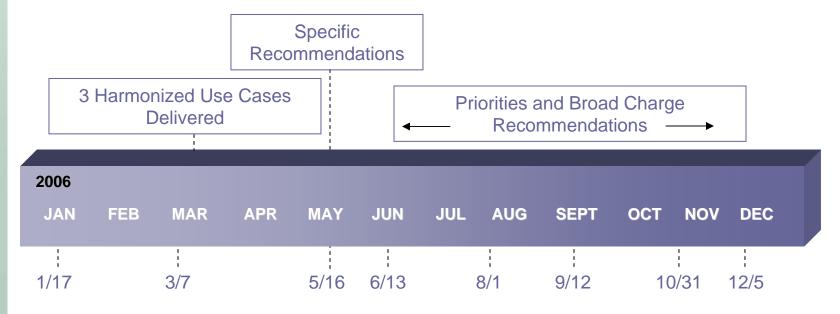
AHIC - American Health Information Community

- > HITSP Health IT Standards Panel
- CCHIT Certification Commission for Health IT
- NHIN Nationwide Health Information Network Prototypes
- HISPC Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration
- State-level HIE Initiatives State-level Health Information Exchange Initiatives



#### AHIC – a Public and Private Collaborative

- Chaired by Secretary Mike Leavitt and vice-chaired by Dr. David Brailer with 9 public sector and 8 private sector appointees
- Seven work groups are now established involving over 100 experts and stakeholders – Biosurveillance, EHRs, Chronic Care, Consumer Empowerment, Confidentiality, Privacy and Security, Quality
- http://www.os.dhhs.gov/healthit/ahic.html





# **AHIC – Work Group Update**

- Work Group Visions and Priorities to AHIC on October 31st
- Consumer Empowerment widespread adoption of PHRs
- Chronic Care deploy technology solutions for remote monitoring and assessment of patients
- EHR widespread adoption of certified EHRs
- Biosurveillance real time public health event monitoring and response management



# **AHIC – Work Group Update**

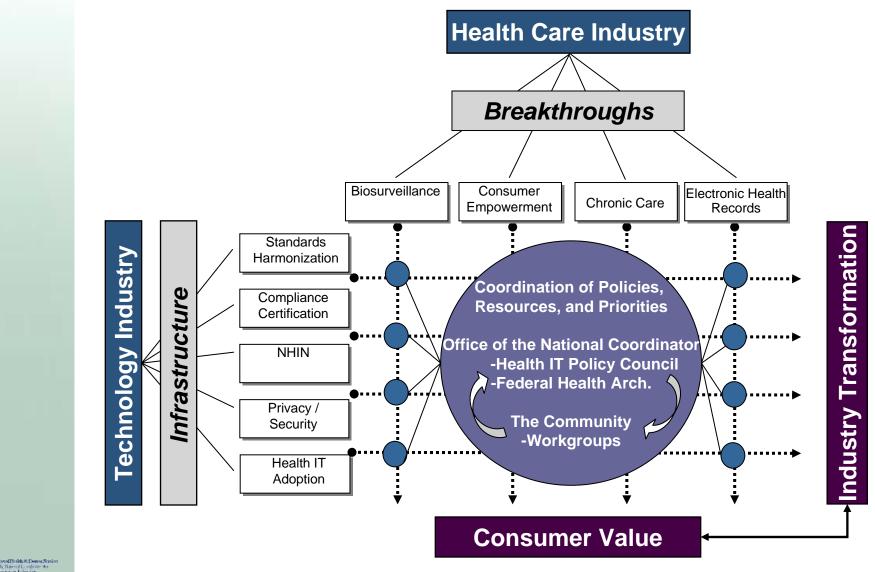
- Biosurveillance Data Steering Group

   Identified a minimum data set for data from clinical care to all levels of public health
- Confidentiality, Privacy and Security
  - New cross-cutting work group focused on policies needed for implementation of breakthroughs
- Quality
  - New work group focused initially on how certified HIT can enable reporting of core set of ambulatory and quality measures
- Personalized Medicine

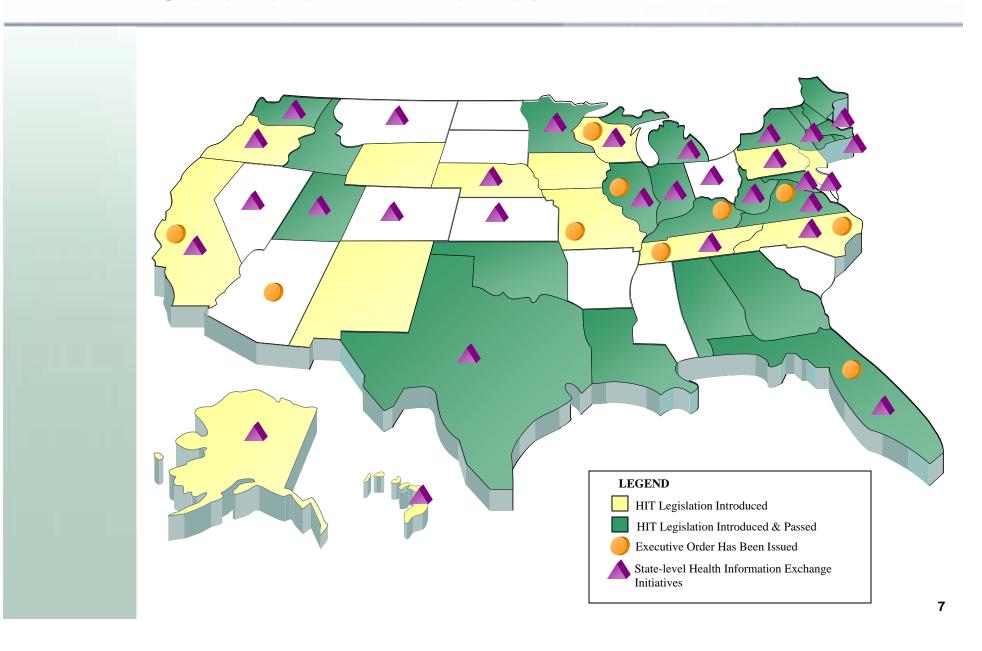
  - A Secretarial priorityNew work group being formed now



# **Health Information Technology Deployment Coordination**



# **State Level HIT Initiatives**



# **HISPC – Privacy and Security**

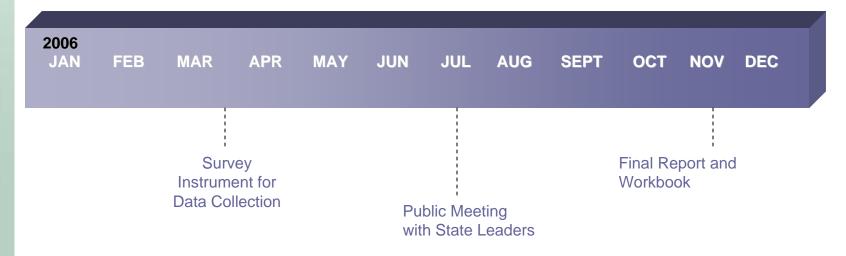
- In September 2005 HHS awarded "Privacy & Security Solutions for Interoperable Health Information Exchange"
- Overall contract managed by RTI International in partnership with NGA
- 19 month period; increased to \$17.2 million overall
- Under its HISPC initiative, RTI is subcontracting with 33 states and 1 territory to:
  - ✓ Identify within the state business practices that affect electronic health information exchange
  - ✓ Propose solutions and implementation plans
  - ✓ Collaborate on regional and national meetings to develop solutions with broader application
  - ✓ Provide final report on final project outcomes and recommendations





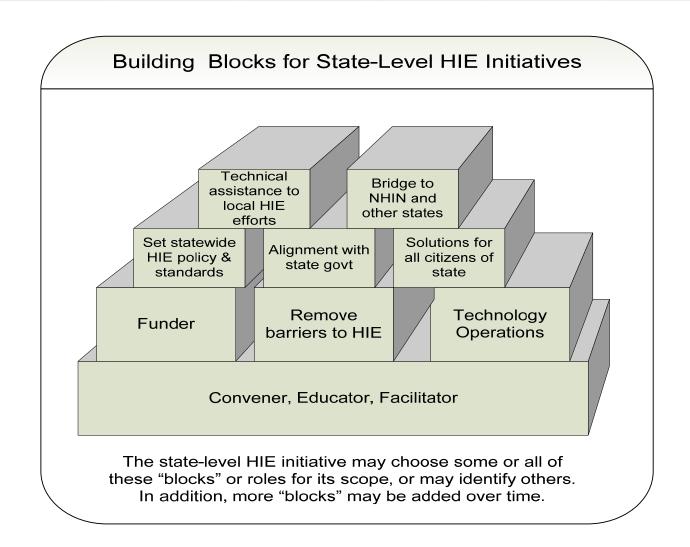
# **State-level Health Information Exchange - Guidance**

- HHS awarded contract to FORE
- Gathered information from existing state-level HIE initiatives to determine successful governance, policy, financial and operational models
- Developed consensus on guiding principles for states organizing HIE initiatives





## **Critical Roles for State-Level Initiatives**



# **Next Steps to Support State-level HIE**

Based on Steering Committee recommendations, ONC is funding additional work to:

- Identify barriers with federal solutions,
- Recommend HIE cost models that have generated revenue
- Determine the involvement of state Medicaid programs
- Examine the flexibility of state Medicaid programs to facilitate HIE
- Explore how and when to engage CMS and other public payers
- Examine the role of the VA, DoD, and the federal employees health benefit program
- Create explicit links and coordination mechanisms between the work of AHIC, ONC and state-level HIE and Quality Initiatives

#### State Alliance for e-Health

#### Contract with the National Governors Association to:

- Address long-term privacy and security solutions at a state level
- Identify state solutions to practice of medicine barriers
- Examine specific opportunities for Medicaid and state funded public health programs

# **Upcoming Events and Involvement**

- AHIC and Workgroup Meetings
  - December 12, 2006 (AHIC); 200 Independence Ave, SW, Room 800, WDC
  - http://www.os.dhhs.gov/healthit/ahic.html
  - http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/workgroups.html
- State Health Information Exchange Initiative
  - http://www.staterhio.org/
- Certification Criteria and Inspection Process (CCHIT)
  - http://www.cchit.org/work/criteria.htm
- Health IT Standards Panel (HITSP)
  - <a href="http://www.ansi.org/hitsp/">http://www.ansi.org/hitsp/</a>
- RTI Privacy and Security Project
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